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Health Center hires new doctor, defends practice

by Jack Cartwright '15
Social Media Editor

This summer, the Hamilton College Health Center hired Dr. Frank Kramer M.D., a full time doctor for the Health Center and the director of Student Health Services. Kramer specializes in internal medicine, has been practicing in the Mohawk Valley for 10 years and mostly does outpatient work.

He began working at Hamilton College early in the summer months, focusing on the summer camps held on campus, as well as being available for the H.E.O.P. students. Since the school year has started, he has been able to get a clearer picture of where the Health Center is now. He portrays the negative criticisms of the Health Center as a matchup between perception and reality.

Prior to the hiring of Dr. Kramer, a doctor was on campus only twice a week for no more than three hours each day. There were two nurse practitioners on call who could prescribe medicine, as well as a registered nurse. Francine Vaughan, the Health Center office coordinator, said having a doctor on campus has not been a "huge change." Nonethe-

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Apple shortage affects Clinton

PHOTO BY KEITH MACARTNEY '13

Hamilton student Elizabeth Waters '13, serves frozen cider to three Clinton elementary school students.

by Taylor Coe '13
Creative Director

With a feeling more familiar to the gas pump, some patrons at the counter of the Clinton Cider Mill might be surprised this semester at the prices of cider and donuts.

Although the price changes are by no means astronomical, they still give notice to the large fluctuation in the apple market due to the small crop this season in central New York and the larger implications of that crop.

Even Bon Appétit has been dealing with the effect of the small market this season. According to Bon Appétit General Manager Patrick Raynard, Bon Appétit has seen a 30-40 percent increase in the cost of local apples.

"The cost has not hindered us from purchasing them," Raynard said. "The main problem we are dealing with is

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Hamilton professor, Ambassador Walker, to lecture on Arab world

by Sirianna Santacrose '15
News Contributor

For those confounded by the complexity of recent events throughout the Arab world, a trip to the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute in Utica on Oct. 2nd could prove extremely helpful. At 5:30 p.m., former U.S. Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Israel and Hamilton professor, Edward S. Walker, will discuss the 2011 Egyptian uprising and explore the issues related to the fall of the Mubarak regime. His lecture entitled "The New? Middle East: The Egyptian Case" will help listeners to better understand the governmental and social shifts that have occurred in Egypt as a result of the mass protests of 2011, which led to the ouster of President Hosni Mubarak in February of that year. The presentation will also address how the current changes in Egypt affect the United States, the Middle East and relations between the two.

Ambassador Walker, a 1963 graduate of Hamilton College, has many years of experience dealing with issues that permeate the Arab world and U.S.-Egypt relations in particular. He served as U.S. Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates from 1989 to 1992, and later as Ambassador to Israel and Egypt during the mid- to late-1990s. During the Bush Administration, he worked with U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell as Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. At this time, he helped to negotiate U.S. policies towards Iran and Iraq, as well as the general Middle East peace process. Walker has also served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Middle East Institute Public Policy Center, a Washington-based think tank and cultural center. He is currently an adjunct scholar of this association.

Serving as Hamilton's current Christian A. Johnson Distinguished Professor of Global Political Theory, Ambassador Walker offers a unique perspective to students taking his classes.

"He critically analyzes and contextualizes the situation, considering how colonization and religion come into play in these regions" Junior Shaha Zehra said. "Ambassador Walker never fails to provide a nuanced view of an undoubtably complex situation."

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> **-Shaha Zehra '14**

Walker himself was in Egypt one week before the Egyptian protests broke. In describing the surprise of the U.S. government at the start of the Facebook-driven protests and the call for the end of the Mubarak regime, Walker explains, "Nobody had the slightest clue that it was going to fall apart, including the CIA and secretary of state."

After the protests ended, the Egyptian military set up a command structure in order to run the country until a new leader was chosen. In June 2012, former leader of the Muslim Brotherhood Mohamed Morsi became the first democratically elected president of Egypt.

Morsi has declared that his nation is now a free and modern state, but he believes that it is up to Washington to repair America's alliance with Egypt. Professor Walker notes that, "Morsi and his government have been feeling their way, as have we. It's still a relationship that's not solidified. What we have to get used to is that it will be a government that is heavily influenced by Islam." Morsi has made it clear that Arab culture is different from American culture and thinks that the States should show greater respect for his country's distinct values.

When asked about the inevitability of the Arab Spring, Professor Walker said that it was, "bound to happen at some point because of the nature of the regimes…Mubarak had become isolated…and you had an economic situation that had been deteriorating with a very high unemployment rate for young people…When you get that kind of situation all it takes is a spark to ignite pent-up emotions."

Walker's lecture will be given at the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute in association with the museum's current exhibit "Shadow of the Sphinx: Ancient Egypt and its Influence," which is on view until Nov. 25. This exhibit examines how Egyptian artifacts have inspired and impacted fine and decorative arts for over a century.

When asked about the importance of Professor Walker coming to speak at the MWPAI, Director and Chief Curator Anna D'Ambrosio said, "it is a great opportunity for the community to have someone with his experience coming to speak here. He will help to put these recent current events into context, and we are really honored that he'll be with us."

The lecture, which will include a 45 minute Q&A session, is sure to be an informative and thought-provoking event. Admission is $10 for the general public and $5 for museum members.

"I would definitely encourage students to go see him speak," commented Leah Kramer '14 who is currently a student in one of his classes, "his stories and experiences are extremely interesting and continue to be relevant today."

High spring temperatures leave fall apples in short supply

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supply."

But while everyone seems to be aware of this small supply, not everyone is aware of the reasons for it.

"There's a lot of misinformation out there," said George Joseph, owner of North Star Orchards in Clinton. "People think it's the dryness and the heat from the summer."

But the genesis of the current apple shortage, Joseph explains, goes back further than that—all the way to the late winter and early spring.

Last March, the temperature was unseasonably warm, occasionally shooting all the way up to 80-85° F. Those high temperatures meant an early start for some flowering plants—including apple trees. The trees were already blossoming in April when a late frost saw the temperature drop back down to 25° F.

"It's probably the most tender time of development," said Joseph, of this stage in the apples' growth. "The frost was enough to freeze the blossoms and any bud development."

As a result of this late frost, Joseph saw his farm lose 70% of its apple crop.

The weak apple crop, however, did not spell economic disaster for Joseph's farm. Not only has the farm seen worse apple season—freezing out and losing 80% of the crop—the farms grows a lot more than just central New York's favorite fruit.

In addition to apples, the farm grows everything from tomatoes to grapes to pumpkins.

"Across the board, not everything did well, but we're pretty diverse," he said.

In fact, this past year saw the farm's best blueberry crop in the roughly 30 years that Joseph has been growing the fruit. Because blueberries thrive after mild winters, the crop was not affected by the late frost in the same way as the apples.

The small apple crop this season was not limited to North Star Orchards and other local farms; the state of New York as a whole saw a 54% loss of the total apple crop. Though the New York apple market is relatively small on a national scale—the orchards of Washington State yield more apples than all the other states combined—the small crop may have ripple effects in the national beverage market.

Mott's, a subsidiary of Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, is headquartered in Rochester, NY, and draws apples from farms across the state for the production of juices, concentrates and applesauce. A representative from Mott's declined to comment on this story.

The effect of the small crop remains most noticeable on a local scale at the Cider Mill, where short apple supply has impacted several parts of the business. One such impact has been on the price of cider and donuts.

But even though the price of a half-gallon of cider has gone up more than a dollar to $4.95, Helen Lucey '13, who works at the Cider Mill, claims that most people have not commented on the difference.

"I've only had two people notice it," she said.

Instead, what more customers have noticed is the lack of gallons of cider, which the Cider Mill has decided not to sell this year, opting instead to sell only smaller sizes.

"That's been a bit of a problem," Lucey said, noting that the gallon size has been missed by several customers.

"It's a basic Economic 101 problem," said Ben Fehlner, owner of the mill. "There's the same amount of demand and a dramatically lower supply."

Fehlner stressed that the rise in prices and the lack of gallon jugs is merely the sign of market forces.

"We're not trying to gouge customers," he said.

But even the price hike has not kept customers away.

"The high price of cider and donuts has not affected my willingness to go to the Cider Mill," said Louisa Savage '13. "I will happily spend a little extra money to get my cider-donut combo," she added.

"So far, we have very loyal, very dedicated, and very understanding customers," Fehlner said. "They're not here for a product; they're here for an experience."

The Cider Mill, Fehlner pointed out, has become a key location in the local Clinton area due to its promixity not only to the Clinton Central School and downtown Clinton. Customers often bring their families to the mill and meet their friends there. Fehlner frames the mill as being nearly as much a town meeting place as a business.

"The side benefit," he said of his customers' experience at the mill, "is that they get to enjoy the product."

PHOTOS BY KEITH MACARTNEY '13

The Clinton Cider Mill, located on Elm Street in Clinton.

The small crop of apples this season affected the price of local apples.

Campus Safety Incident Report

In an effort to increase Campus Safety's transparency within the Hamilton community, *The Spectator* will now publish a weekly selection of Campus Safety Incident Report. Both Campus Safety and *The Spectator* will use their discretion with regards to what is published.

Monday, September 17, 2012

12:00 a.m. Medical emergency – Residence Hall

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

8:05 p.m. Smoke detector activation (steam from shower)– South Residence Hall

8:31 p.m. Medical emergency - Bundy Scott Fieldhouse

8:34 p.m. Criminal mischief complaint – Babbitt Hall

Thursday, September 20, 2012

11:31 a.m. Medical emergency – Kirner-Johnson Hall

11:00 p.m. Disorderly conduct, broken glass– outside Milbank Residence Hall, door 6

11:12 p.m. Marijuana complaint – Residence Hall

Friday, September 21, 2012

5:52 a.m. Intrusion alarm activation – Sadove Student Center

10:12 p.m. Marijuana complaint – Residence Hall

Saturday, September 22, 2012

12:18 a.m. Marijuana complaint – Residence Hall

12:40 a.m. Marijuana complaint – exterior of South side Residence Halls

12:45 a.m. Medical emergency/trespass complaint – Annex (non-student)

12:45 a.m. TipNow complaint for a large party – Residence Hall

1:30 p.m. Medical emergency – Rugby Athletic Field

4:55 p.m. Intrusion alarm – Wellin Museum

11:40 p.m. Medical emergency – Sadove Student Center

Sunday, September 23, 2012

12:03 a.m. Medical emergency – Residence Hall

1:17 a.m. Smoke detector activation (steam from cooking) – Babbitt Hall

1:42 a.m. Marijuana complaint – Residence Hall

1:46 a.m. Medical emergency – Residence Hall

3:05 a.m. Medical emergency – Residence Hall

Health Center hires full-time M.D.

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less, Vaughan believes that the doctor's presence "is a comfort thing for many students."

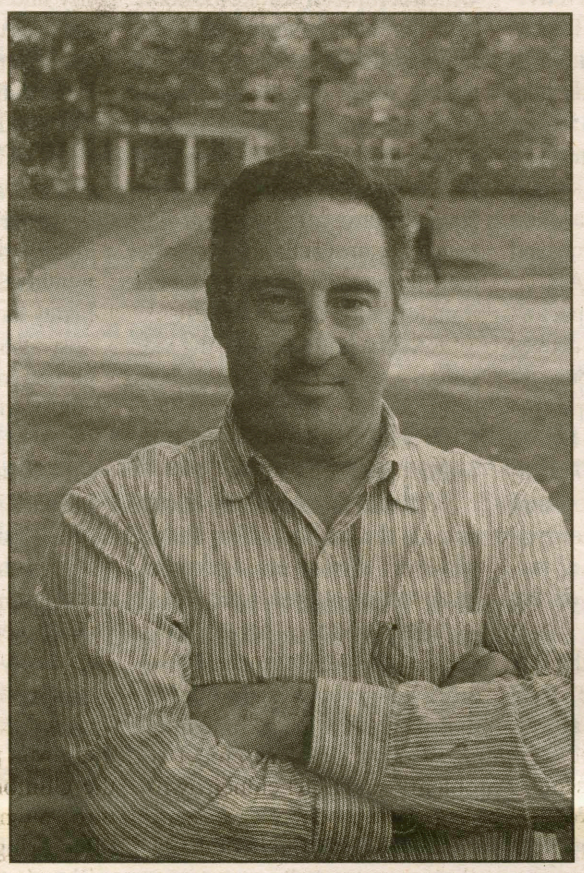
Dr. Kramer says he can attest that the overall "quality and availability of the Health Center is good." His assessment of the Health Center contrasts with many student criticisms of it.

"The trends we see here are equivalent to similar institutions," he says of student ratings of the Health Center. A recent survey administered by Hamilton College supports his claims. The survey revealed that 43.8 percent of students in the class of 2012 were satisfied with Student Health Services. When compared with the satisfaction of other graduating seniors at similar liberal arts institutions, the differences were not statistically significant.

Responding to a recent editorial written by the staff of *The Spectator*, which criticized the Health Center for its lack of hours and staffing issues, Kramer had "no major response one way or the other." For him, the editorial conveyed the "implication among the student population that the services are inadequate." To that point, he corrected the editorial piece, which incorrectly stated, "Physicians are only available twice weekly." He said, "I am a Board Certified Internist on campus five days a week."

He also addressed criticism regarding the hours of availability. The Health Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with an hour closure for lunch at noon. Dr. Kramer would like the students to see the Health Center in the context of a larger culture.

"In general, medical practices only have office hours. Only some large medical practices have evening hours for people working 40 hours a week that could not otherwise see their doctor." In this context Kramer says it could hardly be expected for Hamilton to have longer hours than it does now.



Health Center Doctor, Frank Kramer, M.D.

The hours of availability, he says, "may be far from an ideal, but it matches the realities of our culture."

Vaughan backed up Dr. Kramer in regard to the hours of availability. "We're pretty accommodating," she said. "I'd say 97% of the time we can see the student the day that he or she requests an appointment. Our office is much more flexible than a typical doctor's office."

She said the calls for more hours of availability are surprising to her. She believes students are not making enough use of the early morning appointments because they may be unwilling to wake up early.

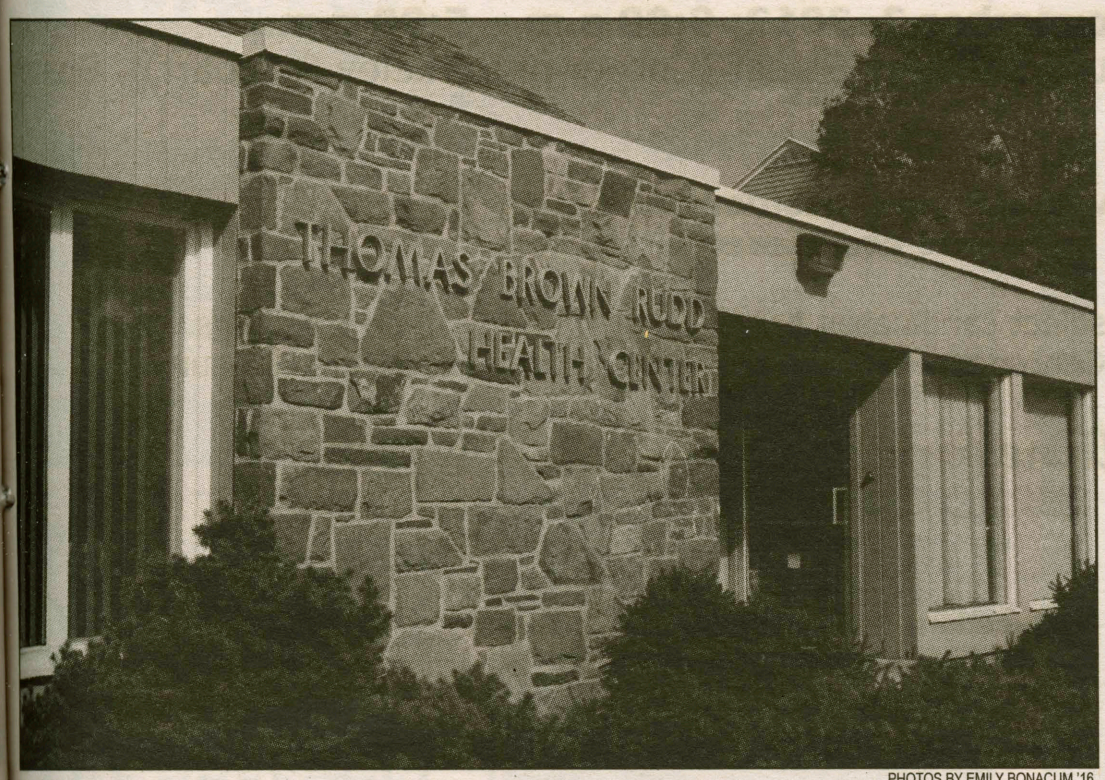
"I've actually had many students decline early morning appointments even if they were available for those appointments," said Vaughan.

According to Dr. Kramer "there is a collision of expectations" regarding the Health Center. He says students must differentiate routine care from urgent and emergency care. The Health Center is like a family doctor's office; it is available for routine, non-urgent or emergent care. When the office is closed, or even while the office is open, if students have an urgent or emergency problem, he advises students to make use of the trained EMTs on campus, or the emergency rooms in local hospitals.

He mentioned that there have been past forays into having weekend hours at the Health Center. Several years ago, a registered nurse staffed the Health Center on Saturday mornings, but the Saturday office hours were terminated due to "underuse."

Furthermore, Dr. Kramer has looked into having someone on call for students when the office is closed, but he said it would be impractical because he is the only school doctor.

Dr. Kramer says the Health Center is here to provide the care that they can "legitimately provide expertly." When care is necessary beyond the bounds of the capabilities of the Health Center, it may require visiting local emergency rooms. Nevertheless both Dr. Kramer and Vaughan agree that the services of the Health Center, despite its perceived flaws, are able to properly serve the needs of the Hamilton College students.



PHOTOS BY EMILY BONACUM '16

The Thomas Brown Rudd Health Center hired a new doctor to be in the office five days a week.

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NESCAC NEWS

by Min Sohn '15
News Writer

Wesleyan: Students protest

According to the *Wesleyan Argus*, on September 23, students attempted to gain access to the Board of Trustees meeting at the Daniel Family Commons in order to protest the lack of student voice in the University's decision to end the need-blind admissions policy. This incident is one example of the many ways that students have tried to raise awareness and support for need-blind admissions. They have organized a protest, handed out numerous posters, made a video on the issue and even ran a student forum to discuss the recent policy change.

Approximately 45 students, holding banners that read "Bring Us Into the Conversation," protested outside the Trustees meetings. Public Safety Officers stopped most of the students from entering, but a few managed to gain entry and communicate some of their concerns to the trustees. As Ben Doernberg '13 told the *Argus*, "Our goal was to demonstrate to the Board that this is an issue that students care about. (. . .) I think we got [the message] across." After speaking with some of these students, the Trustees decided to schedule a meeting with all interested students at the next Board of Trustees retreat in November.

The following day, President Michael Roth agreed to take part in the student-run forum and explain the reasoning behind this decision. Around 100 students gathered to participate, and the turnout exceeded expectations. The forum also had an online audience, and students who watched the stream sent in questions for President Roth. Throughout the forum, Roth constantly mentioned that the intent of eliminating the need-blind policy was to increase the total number of scholarships awarded. Roth stated that need-blind is a commonly misunderstood label.

Students, however, remained unconvinced of the true intentions behind eliminating need-blind. WAS Financial and Facilities Committee Chair Andrew Trexler '14 stated that Wesleyan's endowment per student is only $200,000, while peer university endowments per student range from $300,000 to $800,000. An online questioner asked Roth why there has been no timeline for the return to need-blind admissions if the new policy is temporary. Students also cited the University's apparent lack of effort to raise awareness among the alumni in asking for donations to save the need-blind policy. Overall the outlook does not appear good, and as Cesar Chavez '15 told *The Argus*, "I think this campaign is going to be a very long one. I don't think we'll be able to restore this for the Class of 2017, but I think we might be able to do this for 2018 or 2019."

Bowdoin: Hazing (again)

It appears that no school year can start without one or two hazing violations occurring in the NESCAC. On Sept. 15, the night of a big, annual Epicuria party at an off-campus house, four underage students, two freshmen and two sophomores, were transported to Parkview Adventist Medical Center for over-consumption of alcohol. After further investigation, the Office of Student Affairs determined that the men's rugby team had violated the alcohol and hazing policy, and Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster announced the ruling in a school-wide email on Sept. 20.

According to Foster, all four students transported were "tied directly or indirectly to Epicuria and the rugby team." As a result, the men's rugby team must forfeit their next two matches. The residents of Ladd House, the location for the Epicuria party, also face disciplinary consequences, but their verdict has not yet been decided. To top it all off, two students received summonses by the Brunswick Police Department (BPD). One underage student was summoned for possession by consumption, and a 21-year-old student was summoned for furnishing a place for minors to consume alcohol, according to Deputy Chief Marc Hagan. After the initial emergency call for the aforementioned four students, police investigations led them to this side party where they ultimately took action.

Last year, Bowdoin rescinded the men's hockey team's NESCAC title after a hazing incident in the team's celebration party. Given the history of hazing, Bowdoin has continued to take a hard stance on this issue. It remains to be seen whether the college will force the rugby team to disband.

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Student Assembly Update

by Emily Moore '15
Production Editor

Student Assembly Ambassadors

Last week, Student Assembly representatives attended various club and group meetings on campus to make contact with leaders and answer any questions. The clubs were very receptive to Student Assembly presence. Representatives were able to answer questions about funding and get a sense of semester goals and plans. In the coming weeks, Student Assembly hopes to reach out to remaining groups and continue to foster productive relationships with the groups they have already reached out to in hopes of becoming more present in student life.

Campus Biking

It was brought to the attention of Student Assembly that there have been many bike accidents recently. In particular, the bridge on Martin's Way and the area near Beinecke seem to be difficult for bikers. Student Assembly would like to ask students to avoid that area while riding bikes and to exercise caution. The Facilities Committee is looking into bike rules on campus.

CAB pays the price for bus damage before Avicii concert

by Julia Grace Brimelow '14
News Editor

In the latest case of property damage at Hamilton College, the door of a hired bus was broken in the process of shuttling students to Sunday night's Avicii concert at Turning Stone Casino.

In response to student interest in the concert, the Campus Activities Board (CAB) decided to provide tickets and transportation to the off-campus event. CAB purchased and sold a block of 150 discounted tickets to the student body at large, while providing shuttle service to all students, regardless of whether or not they purchased their the tickets through CAB.

On the night of the performance, students came out in droves to ride the CAB-sponsored buses to the popular Swedish DJ's performance, crowding KJ circle before the initial pick-up time of 7 p.m.

The process of loading and unloading students was complicated by the large volume of students competing for seats on the bus.

"When students saw the bus coming toward KJ circle, they charged the bus to secure a seat. Because of this, damage was done to the door of the bus," explained Noelle Niznik, Assistant Director of Student Activities.

According to Lily Rothman '13, the CAB Concerts Coordinator, the incident involved "one student literally jumping and grabbing/hanging off of the bus door while attempting to enter the bus, which completely broke the door."

The damage sustained caused the bus to be recalled from the shuttle route due to the danger of transporting passengers with a broken door. CAB Executive Board members who were present at the time of the incident were instructed to evacuate the bus after the company determined further transportation to be unsafe.

At this point in time, the individual responsible for the damage has not come forward. As a result, CAB has been left responsible for footing the bill.

"It will unfortunately have to be paid for out of CAB's budget, which could result in less programming for the campus," said Niznik.

The incident serves as an echo of the vandalism and property damage linked to intoxication that plagued the Hamilton campus last spring.

"It is just an extension of drunk people behaving badly," said concert-goer Doug Santoro '1 "It's just like what happened in the past: the Opus window, dorms."

Campus outcry over last semester's acts of vandalism led to discussion between students and administrators in an effort to identify and solve the problem causing destructive behaviors. Alcohol was determined to be a large factor in the damage to campus property.

Addressing these behaviors, Dean of Students Nancy Thomson announced at the beginning of this semester a lift on the hard alcohol ban, a step many believed would allow the administration to better focus on punishing dangerous, destructive and disruptive behavior, instead of pushing alcohol consumption further underground.

But the bus incident has led some students and administrators questioning the character of Hamilton students.

"I am extremely disappointed that Hamilton students would act so carelessly," said Niznik.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is encouraged to contact nniznik@hamilton.edu.

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CAB's success blighted by destructive behavior

Campus Activities Board, fondly known as CAB, has put together some truly remarkable programming the first few weeks of the semester. Their student-run board hit the ground running: putting on concerts, indoor and outdoor movie nights, a comedy show as well as offering reduced-price tickets to off-campus events and co-sponsoring events with other campus organizations. They have effectively generated an impressive amount of buzz across campus with their string of success and new publicity, such as the series of QR-codes around campus, which function as clues as to figure out the surprise performers of the upcoming semester concert. *The Spectator* would like to commend CAB for accomplishing so much in such a short amount of time.

A recent event on campus, however, threatens to compromise the relationship between CAB and the student body. On the way to a CAB-sponsored event last Sunday night, an Avicii concert at the Turning Stone Casino and Resort, a student damaged the door of a bus that was transporting students to the concert. An article on page four, entitled "CAB pays the price..." details the misdemeanor.

Seeing an outside event that would interest a large group of students, CAB decided to facilitate Hamilton participation. CAB purchased a block of tickets to the concert and then resold them to students for $30, including transportation to and from the venue. The regular tickets were sold to CAB at retail value and did not include transportation. The cost of this transportation to and from the Turning Stone was already high for CAB and has now only been exacerbated by damage costs. Now, CAB is responsible for one drunken student's destructive behavior.

While property destruction is not new to Hamilton's campus, it is disturbing to see how little respect students have for one another. CAB is an organization that works hard to put together a wide array of programs for a diverse student audience. Taking money out of their budget to pay for one student's property damage hardly seems fair.

This incident recalls the acts of vandalism from the past semester, ranging from the breaking of the sliding window in Opus 1 last spring to the slashing of the sukkah last fall. In response to these incidents, Hamilton has recently instituted a number of programs to eliminate students' bad behavior while intoxicated. From the student-led "Stop Breaking Sh*t" poster campaign last year to the new StepUp! initiative, which encourages bystanders to intervene on behalf of their friends, there has been no lack of trying to curb the destructive behavior of students.

We, at *The Spectator*, hope that the door breaking was an isolated incident and not the continuation of a pattern of destruction on campus. Now, CAB must pay the price, which means that student programming as a whole may suffer. We hope that whoever committed the offense steps forward, so that the student body as a whole does not pay for one person's mistake.

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Officer enhancement won't enhance our safety

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When The Spectator hit the shelves last Thursday, the student body let out a collective groan as they read the title of the front page article, "Campus Safety can now arrest students." I, too, joined the campus-wide groaning as one simple question came to mind. Why?

I searched the article, deep into my own mind and into that of others for the answer. After much contemplation, there still doesn't seem to be a satisfactory answer to why Campus Safety officers needed to undergo training to elevate to "enhanced status" to gain the abilities to "make arrests for misdemeanor crimes" and "hold small amounts of marijuana to destroy at a later date."

The answer Director Fran Manfredo provided is that, besides the transformation being "the natural progression for Campus Safety," enhanced status officers "better serve the Hamilton College Community." If the goal of Campus Safety is to, well, keep the campus safe, it is already being accomplished, and I really don't see the need for enhanced status. However, let's examine cases in which the campus does need some extra security.

Looking at the annual crime report sent out every year, we notice that only a few categories are well populated: forcible sexual offenses, burglary and of course, drug and alcohol violations.

PHOTO BY DAVID MORGAN'15

A Campus Safety officer investigates a mysterious smell in one of the suites.

Unfortunately, the threat of a Campus Safety arrest won't deter a sex offender. These malicious acts happen behind closed doors and are regrettably dealt with mostly after the fact. The tools to prevent these crimes lie with a number of factors like education and awareness but not with Campus Safety.

How about burglary? Someone wishing to steal will do so whether Campus Safety can arrest or not simply because if the students are caught, the Kirkland Police will take matters into their own capable hands. The power doesn't affect incentives or risk and therefore won't affect a criminal's decision. If the goal of the officer upgrades was to provide a deterrent for either of these two crimes, I just don't see it happening.

That leaves us with our drug and alcohol violations. If the new officer power was meant to reduce these instances, the policy starts to lose ground. Hamilton's campus is known to be quite liberal in its treatment of student violations in these areas. There are all-campus parties that aren't exactly age exclusive, campus-wide "crawls," and let's face it: marijuana is around.

On top of that, the Administration just repealed the hard alcohol policy this year, and our own President Stewart supports the government bodies reconsidering the drinking age. Hamilton clearly is an institution which promotes this type of forward thinking. Why then, would we spend time and money trainin officers and providing resource to move backwards? The dec sion to upgrade officers seems contradict Hamilton's ideolog

Therefore, the only type crime that Campus Safety ca deter is mostly victimless. B what if violent crime does bre out? There is a completely c pable police force right arou the corner that I've seen utiliz a number of times, even in t short time that I've been arou

Why does Hamilton ne its own police force to det violent crime that just doesn exist? Other similarly safe are like public schools don't ha their own patrol just as a ma ter of course, so why does o Campus Safety need the abili to arrest?

Ultimately, Hamilton Co lege is already a very safe plac and increasing the responsibil ties of Campus Safety seem to be an unnecessary use of r sources that contradicts oth aspects of campus policy. Hop fully our outcome from this ne policy will be similar to that guinea pig Union College, w claims to see beneficial resu in mostly only back office i sues rather than among the st dent body.

However, heeding the wor of our forefathers, I becom weary of any increase of sec rity, especially one that thre ens to interfere with the stude body as much as this one do

Thumbs Up

Long Distance Relationship Club: all funding goes towards safe sexting 101. Lesson 1: how to safely apply an emoti-condom. 8==)}

Author of "How to Slowly Kill Yourself and Others in America: A Remembrance" comes to campus: step 1: drink 12 beers alone on a Tuesday night. step 2: look at your texts the next morning.

Acupuncture Wednesdays: to restore you after the rigors Chair Massage Tuesday.

Thumbs Down

Avicii at the Turning Stone: taking peyote on the Oneida Reservation takes cultural re-appropriation to a whole new level.

Eat Local Day: I ate a townie. Do I win the challenge?

'70s Party: I misinterpreted the theme; went as a sexy Grandma.

Who Cares?

46 Peaks Weekend: can I come if I peaked in High School?

McEwen's New Sips: take handful of Minor Field, add water and stir.

Bare Naked Theater Project: because there's not enough funded nudity on this campus. Except for every single theater production.

Wynn Van Dusen '15, Claire Carusillo '13, Dee Doucette '13 and Tim Cowan '15

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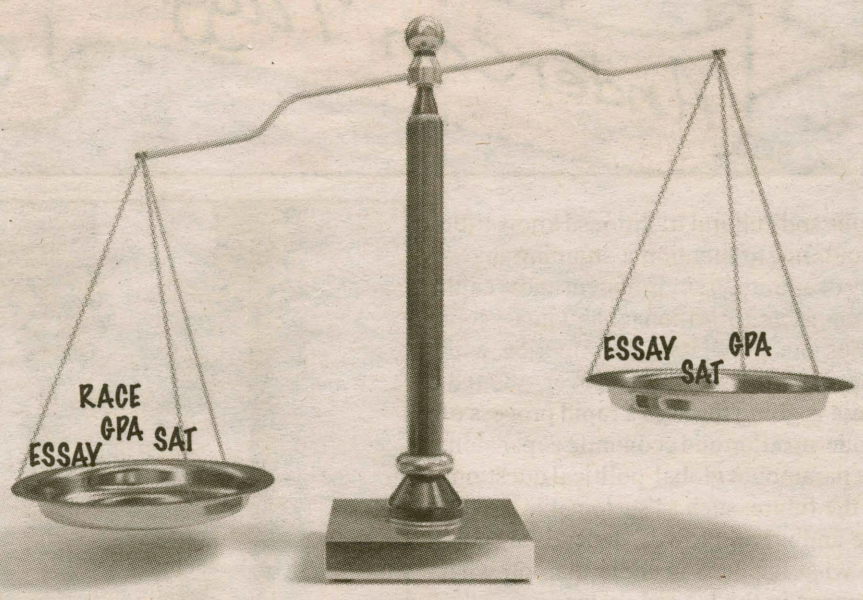
FACE OFF: Is affirmative action beneficial to college communities and their students?

As the Supreme Court prepares this fall to revisit the practice of using affirmative action as a part of college admission policy in Fisher v. Texas, Hamilton has cosigned an amicus brief supporting it. Below, two Hamilton students debate over the utility of affirmative action for college admissions.

YES:

Affirmative action benefits all students



by **Chris Delacruz '13**
Opinion Contributor

A diverse educational environment has become crucial to create the best possible system for educating tomorrow's leaders. A significant number of American citizens have argued against affirmative action because of its stereotype as a system that gives priority to the historically disadvantaged. But there is more to the story than that.

While the origin of affirmative action did come about as a system to "right the wrongs of the past," its form does not aid only the historically disadvantaged. Affirmative action does not simply break a person up into social groups, but rather looks at a person holistically (it takes everything into account such as race, gender, athletics, grades, SATs, extracurriculars, etc) and seeks to build the most balanced community made up of the widest array of ideologies and perspectives.

Those who benefit from affirmative action are those whose perspective is least represented in the area that it is being applied. For example, affirmative action has benefited women, previously barred from many institutions, and now colleges and universities typically enroll more women than men. In this era, it is minority ethnic groups that lack representation on college campuses.

Affirmative action accounts for the fact that there may be extenuating circumstances in any given applicant's situation. Many believe that affirmative action means that different groups are held to different standards. The stereotype is that different standards are expected from different applicants according to their race (many believe that Asian-Americans are held to the highest standards when it comes to grades as opposed to the other races).

However, affirmative action often takes a very holistic approach to grades as well. One example of how colleges look at grades on an individual-to-individual basis is a quote from Pomona College: "the exam scores from a daughter of two college professors are viewed in a different context than the scores from a first generation college student who attends an underfunded high school." Thus affirmative action seeks to take all factors into account when deciding whether to accept an individual.

There are various ways which affirmative action can benefit college campuses and institutions across the nation. Hamilton has a policy of affirmative action, meaning it is an equal opportunity employer, for all jobs on campus—whether a job held by a student, faculty member, staff member or administrator. This creates a more diverse campus population in all aspects of campus life. Research from various institutions shows that diversity better prepare students for success.

Researchers from Pomona College studied the effects that affirmative action had on students of color and white students. The researchers from Pomona specifically studied the correlation between the diversity of students' interactions with others and various educational outcomes. They concluded that increased diversity led to a higher level of educational attainment for both students of color and white students.

Additionally, many colleges have reported that increased diversity in student population forces colleges to adjust their curriculum and extracurricular programming in order to incorporate students' and alumni's practical experience of diversity.

Carleton College's science and math departments have also greatly benefited from affirmative action as Carleton instituted programs to improve the success rates of students of color in science and math. The school found that the programs not only benefited students of color but also ended up benefiting all of the students in these departments.

No matter how you look at it, affirmative action seeks to empower all types of people from every walk of life and should be allowed in education not only for the sake of the historically disadvantaged, but also for the sake of everyone in education. It pushes all students towards higher educational standards and increases the chances of success for everybody.

NO:

Under policy, minority students only suffer

by **Jeremy Adelman '13**
Opinion Contributor

Arguments for and against affirmative action are relatively predictable; supporters cite the spectre of America's dark racial past and the merits of classroom diversity, while opponents decry the twisted morality of penalizing today's privileged for the sins of their ancestors, all in the name of fairness. Lost in the debate is any critique of an assumption both sides seem to take for granted; namely, that affirmative action benefits minority applicants.

But, particularly as the Supreme Court stand ready to reconsider the precedent set by *Grutter v. Bollinger* in this coming term's *Fisher v. Texas*, this assumption demands a strict scrutiny, particularly in light of recent studies detailing the negative of such programs on minority students.

In essence, the entire argument in favor of race-based affirmative action is based on a flawed pretense; empirical evidence suggests affirmative action is actually harming minority students. In their amicus brief in *Fisher*, Stuart Taylor and Richard Sanders rigorously detail the overwhelming sociological data supporting the hypothesis that racial preference lead to an "academic mismatch" between the minority candidates and the colleges they attend.

Essentially, by lowering admissions criteria for minority applicants, colleges ensure that the minorities they accept are disproportionately located towards the bottom of the class; for example, post *Grutter*, 60 percent of African Americans attending the University of Michigan law school were in the bottom 10 percent of the class. This leads directly to lower self-esteem and academic disengagement by minority students, and also to high attrition rates for minorities in rigorous subjects like science and engineering.

Recent studies of these students at Duke University and the University of California system confirm this "science effect," while additional evidence suggests that schools without racial preference admissions have significantly higher minority persistence rates in STEM fields.

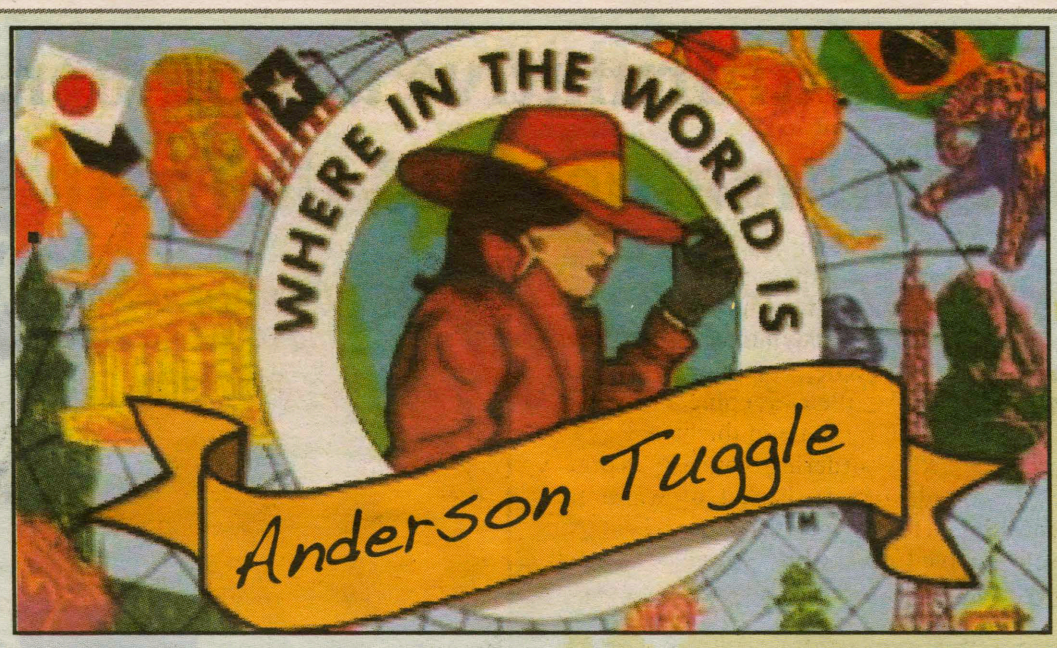
The real damning evidence, however, against affirmative action and in favor of Taylor and Sanders's theory, comes from studies of minority students in the University of California system. Thanks to Proposition 209, which banned racial admissions preferences system-wide, UC represents an ideal laboratory for gauging the effects of ending affirmative action; at least as far as minority students are concerned, the results are overwhelmingly positive.

Since the passage of Proposition 209, black and Hispanic academic performance rose dramatically system-wide, with improvements as high as 50 percent in four year graduation rates for minority scholars. Furthermore, minority persistence rates in engineering and science rose dramatically. Moreover, though Hispanic and black enrollment initially plunged, today the percentages of both demographics in the UC system have rebounded to pre-Proposition 209 levels.

Indeed, diversity has actually increased; prior to Proposition 209, admissions preferences to such candidates led to the clustering of underrepresented minorities at the flagship schools (Berkeley and UCLA), leaving few left over to attend the remaining institutions; today, however, the percentages at each university in the system are roughly equivalent. These results strongly underscore the primary conclusion of the mismatch theory vis-à-vis policy; the end of affirmative action will benefit, rather than hinder, minority scholars.

Even if the Supreme Court decides to uphold *Grutter*, this evidence is sufficient to justify colleges like Hamilton unilaterally moving to eliminate racial preference in their admissions processes. Simply put, the admission of minority candidates who lack the requisite academic preparations for the rigorous coursework of top-tier colleges fails to help those students succeed.

As any admissions counselor knows, the most important facet of a student's college search is "finding a good fit." It is therefore a sad reflection on the elite college view of minorities when, all too often, their lust for minority students leads them to ignore this essential criterion.



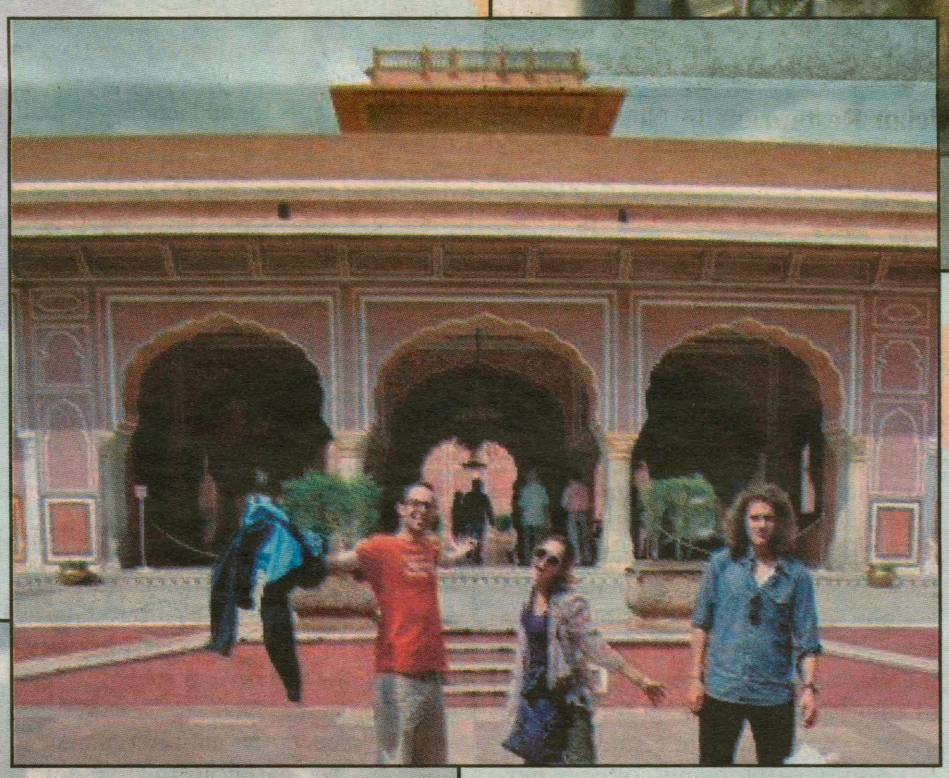
by Anderson Tuggle '14
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

Namaste from Jaipur, India! For the fall semester, I chose to study abroad in northwestern India with SIT's Sustainable Development and Social Change program. Currently, I am one month into my three month adventure.

"...I wanted to experience a society that houses religious and cultural traditions I know little about..."
- Anderson Tuggle' 14

Why this strange country and this particular program, you ask? Well, I admit, my lack of foreign language skills helped push me to a country where I could get by with English (though I am still learning Hindi, since the vast majority of the population knows minimal English). Beyond that superficial issue, as a history major who knows mostly Western history, I wanted to experience a society that houses religious and cultural traditions I know little about, not to mention a stunning diversity of ethnicity, environment and wealth amongst its 1.2 billion inhabitants—four times the population of America with one-third the land! Moreover, though, India is going through a rapid process of modernization and economic expansion; the paramount global-political questions of the future, such as sustainable energy use and urban growth, depend far more on what happens in India than on what happens in the United States.

Anyways, per what I'm actually doing day-to-day in Jaipur, I will start by saying that I am still a student here and not just a tourist. I take classes in both Hindi and development studies five days a week, go on excursions like meeting with village government officials and am preparing for a month-long independent research project I will conduct over the month of November on school lunch programs in the state of Uttar Pradesh.



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Unlike Hamilton, however, I am living with a homestay family in Jaipur: The Singhs. And even more unlike Hamilton, I live with a dual-family of sorts. On the one hand, I have an elderly host father and mother, along with their 13-year old grandson who lives in Jaipur for education purposes. On the other hand, there is the servant family who lives with us, which has a mother and father, plus three boys ranging from 12 to 20. These two families have been living together for generations but they live somewhat unequally, mostly due to caste reasons. There is enough detail I could go into on this topic to last a 10 page paper, but, suffice it to say, I see everyone who I live with at home as one family and it is a wonderfully joyful place to return to every night after each day of exploration.

Besides living with an Indian homestay family, much else over my last month has taken some adjustment. Most noticeably, India—and particularly Jaipur—has a more conservative and male-centric culture; it is rare to see Indian males and females hanging out as equal friends. Although I sometimes benefit from this culture to the chagrin of my female student peers—I have more freedom with what I wear and can go out at night without accompaniment—I find these 'male advantages' more creepy than comforting. The other most striking things that I miss about America are the oft-unappreciated facets of a well-maintained public infrastructure: consistent waste management, sidewalks on the streets, traffic lights and stop-signs, etc.

On the whole, though, the pluses of India far outweigh any difficulties I have encountered. For every street hawker that's nagged me without end, there have been 10 strangers willing to overlook my feeble attempts at Hindi and help me out. Thus, I plan to savor every last moment of the next two months, as opportunities like this semester will be few and far between during my (rapidly-approaching!) adult life.

Anderson Tuggle '14 and friends visit Amer Fort in the state of Rajastan (left) and the City Palace in Jaipur (center) during his study abroad in India.

Restaurant Review: The Phoenician's lively Lebanese

by Hailey Hayman '14
Feautres Contributor

If you venture past the plethora of New Hartford malls you may happen upon a small alcove marked French Street. It is here that you will find the small slice of Lebanon known as The Phonecian Restaurant. The ramp leading to the entrance is lined by an array of petite colorful flowers reminiscent of hand planted flower boxes outside of someone's house. You are immediately flooded with joy at the prospect of a "home" cooked meal—an uncommon(s) delight for us students. With a single large table by the entryway and main dining room maximum occupancy of only 36 people, The Phonecian is like a reverse mullet—keeping it wild in the front and intimate in the back.

After ordering you can expect a complementary basket of warm pita bread to tide you over, though our meals arrived promptly. Not coincidentally having dinner with all vegetarians I cannot speak to the meat products served at The Phonecian, but the carnivorous options certainly dominated the menu. In the spirit of vegetarianism there were many vegetarian plates ordered and devoured with satisfaction. Each platter came with a personal supply of hummus and The Phonecian's highly regarded baba ghanoush, which lived up to the hype. My personal meal, a fattoush salad, with a side of baba ghanoush, was a delicious and hearty supply of food, enough for leftovers, all under $10.

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Mouthwatering baba ghanoush and pita bread from the Phoenician.

Hamilton students enter the Phoenician Restaurant in New Harford.

Don't miss the basket of mints on your way out, always a perfect cleanser to a flavorful feast. To satiate my frequent desire for Middle Eastern food that is not created from the contents of the dining hall, I would without question return to the French Street home they call The Phonecian Restaurant.

The Phoenecian is located at 623 French Road in New Hartford. Call them at 315-733-2709. Hours of the restaurant are as follows: Monday to Thursday 11:30 am-9 pm, Friday to Saturday 11:30 am-10 pm.

Alum John Freyer '95 sells all his possessions

by Lindsey Luker '15
Feautres Contributor

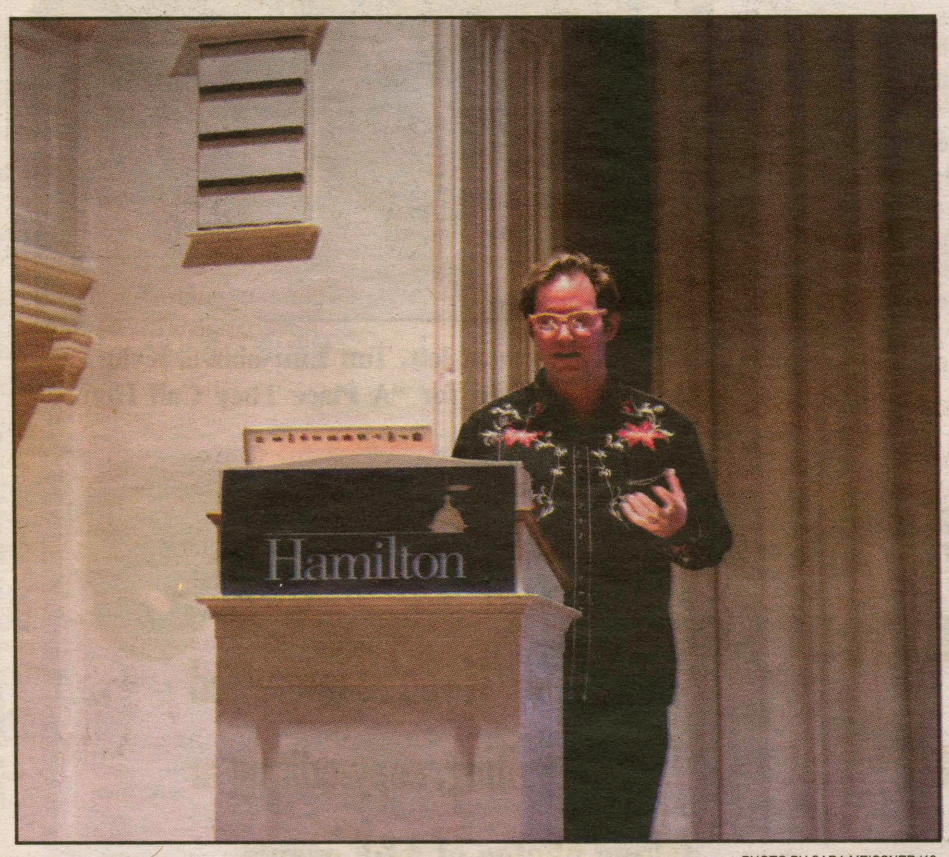
In a world in which people are known for what they have, it takes a lot of nerve to give up our defining possessions. John Freyer '95 took on this challenge and sold virtually everything he owned as part of a multimedia, interdisciplinary project.

Freyer visited the Hamilton campus on Sept. 24 to talk about his project and book, *All My Life for Sale*. The government major decided to put all of his possessions up for sale on eBay, all with a starting price of one dollar, in 2000. He has sold more than six hundred of his items, including his favorite shirt, his false teeth, his Jesus nightlight and his Hamilton College Class of 1995 New Faces catalogue.

"It's a life—your life—in a suitcase. Everything's right there."
- John Freyer '95

Though his items are still being sold through eBay, Freyer created allmylifeforsale.com, a website where the public can read about the project and all of its developments. Freyer described his unique study of stuff as an "online project that explored our relationship to the objects around us, their role in the concept of identity, as well as the emerging commercial systems of the Internet."

Freyer attached an anecdote outlining each item's history and a description of his project when he shipped his things to their new homes. In return, he received photographs of the possessions in their new environments, as well as several invitations to visit the future owners as part of his project. Thus began Freyer's road trip across the United States to revisit his old items.



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In Nov. 2002, Freyer partnered with Bloomsbury USA and published *All My Life for Sale*, a full book detailing the purge and adding yet another dimension to the evolving phenomenon. The Emerson Museum of Art in Syracuse caught wind of Freyer's project and, in 2005, put together an exhibit that consisted of photographs of the objects and their stories.

Freyer's work tied in seamlessly with the Class of 2016 common reading material, *Evocative Objects*, a collection edited by Sherry Turkle. Both touch on the interconnectedness of objects – particularly our own possessions – and our identities. In his lecture, Freyer spoke specifically about suitcases.

"It's a life – your life – in a suitcase. Everything's right there."

Freyer, now an assistant professor of photography at the University of Iowa, has tackled several new projects that share the themes of connectedness and materialism. He partnered with anthropologist Johan Lindquist to complete a Fulbright study in Sweden, where they analyzed extensively IKEA's "Billy Bookshelf."

Freyer drew a parallel between organizing our bookshelves and playing dress up.

"We show off our stuff in a way that will positively add to our image," he said. "We take on this new persona, and our objects transform it."

Freyer and Lindquist even went so far as to identify, with empirical support, the spot on the Billy Bookshelf where people tend to store their best possessions, the "Golden Objects" they want people to see.

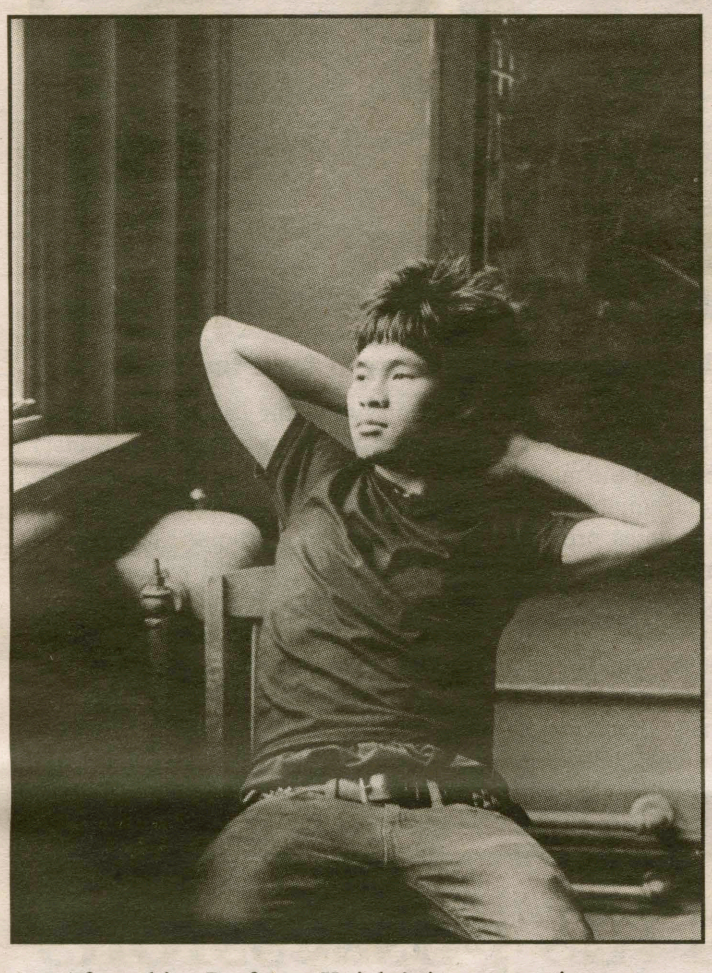
"That spot right there, that's where you put the books you want people to think you've read," Freyer joked.

Throughout his lecture, Freyer highlighted the dependence we have on our stuff. He encouraged the audience to explore who we would be without our possessions speaking for us, to try to define ourselves beyond our cell phones, toothbrushes, ashtrays, and undeveloped rolls of film.

Exhibit explores immigrant experience

by Nanyamka Fleming '14
Arts and Entertainment Contributor

After taking numerous trips into the city of Utica, Evan Warnock '14 became fascinated with the incredible subcultures Utica has to offer. As a Friends Without Borders volunteer, Warnock worked closely with young refugee students in the city. He got to know these young adults and knew that he wanted to document his encounters and share them with the Hamilton community.



After taking Professor Knight's introduction to photography class, Warnock became fascinated with photography and realized that he could use this fascination to bring some of Utica to Hamilton. Warnock took a series of photographs of 10 young refugee students whose families made Utica their home. He called the photo series, "A Place They Call Home."

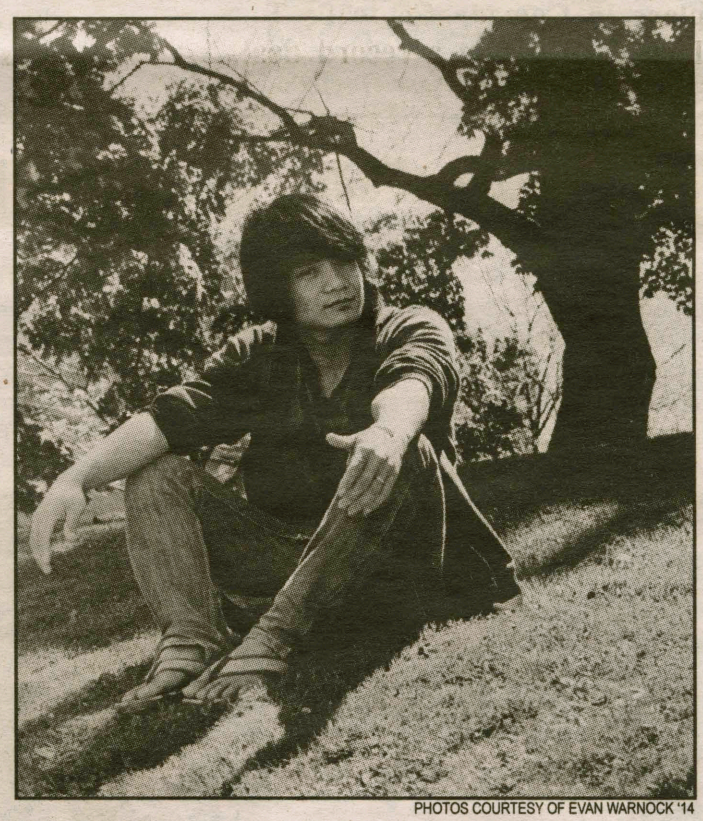
He claimed his process was pretty simple.

"I earned their trust, because that's basically all you need as a photographer," Warnock said while describing how he conducted the project. He spent the bulk of his time getting to know the students. Some were timid at first, but they grew to enjoy the project just as much as Warnock did. He captured a broad range of emotion.

Some were extremely animated, while others just stood there and let him take the photos. Warnock claimed that each student's personality showed through his work. When asked what he wanted viewers to take from the project, Warnock said that he wanted more Hamilton students to develop an interest in Utica as well as a fascination with the cultures of Utica. He wants more students to get involved with the Utica community.

"Volunteer, go to dinner, go to the zoo, see for yourself that the negative perceptions and stereotypes of Utica are untrue," Warnock claimed. With this series of photographs, Warnock wanted to show that these individuals, displaced from their homes, found a way to make a new home in Utica. He wants Hamilton students to follow that example and make Utica, a city only 20 minutes away, their home too.

"This project demonstrates the ideal confluence of a student's passions with learning that extends beyond the classroom. Evan has found the delicate intersection between art and diversity education, and his pictures vividly juxtapose his participants with the backdrop of Utica's challenges and celebrations. I see this as a project that is full of hope," said Amit Taneja, director of the Days-Massolo Center. Warnock's "A Place They Call Home" exhibit is currently on display in the Days-Massolo Center.



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At top, Mu Ler; at left, Tun Lin; above, Kyin Lay, Uticans who posed for "A Place They Call Home."

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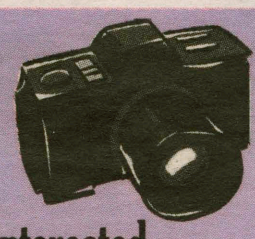

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Show Profile: *Planet of Sound*

Sundays, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Anna Jastrezembski '14
with special guest DJ chicken fingers

Sounds like:

Your lil bro's garage band if they were really into 50's crooners.

Expect to hear:

Everyone's favorite du-wop and doom wop hits of tomorrow and today .

What song do you love (or love to hate) in the Diner Jukebox?

The songs of 50 Cent because they remind me of my halcyon days.

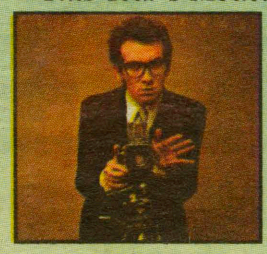
This song goes out to:

Smoove B.

Albums you can expect to hear:

Thee Oh Sees - *Putrifiers II*

Elvis Costello & The Attractions - *This Year's Model*



The King Khan and BBQ Show

Sebadoh - *Bubble and Scrape*

Comedians Sneed and Parvonian come to campus

by Sade Oyalowo '14
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The room filled with boisterous laughter as the full effect of Josh Sneed's words set in during one of his stand up routines. Some members remained silent, while others were wiping tears from their eyes. Did he really just make a joke about his bulimic ex-girlfriend?

Expect some inappropriate, but completely humourous, jokes from Josh Sneed this Saturday, Sept. 29 in the Events Barn during the CAB comedy show. The Cincinatti native is making serious steps towards the goal of becoming one of the top comedians in the business. He has opened for such acts as Dave Chapelle, Dane Cook, Mitch Hedberg, Lewis Black and various members of "The Blue Collar Comedy Tour." Sneed has also made several appearances on "The Bob & Tom Show."

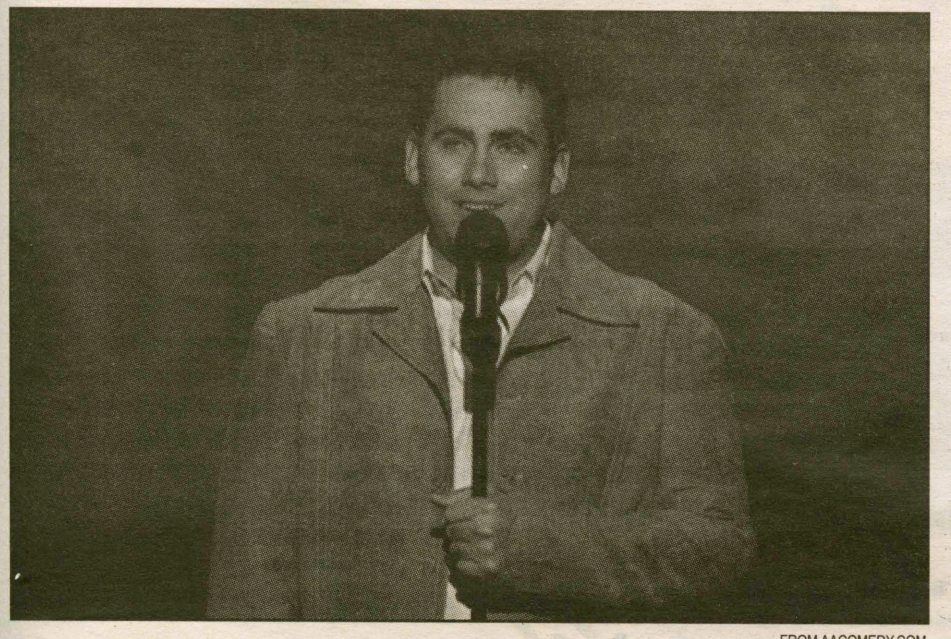
In 2008, Josh was second out of 100 of Comedy Central's top comedians in the Annual Stand-up Showdown, awarding him a record deal with Comedy Central Records. His album, *Unacceptable*, was released on Sept. 30, 2008, and received glowing reviews. iTunes selected it as one of the Top 10 comedy albums released that year. Sneed also filmed a 30-minute special, "Comedy Central Presents: Josh Sneed" that debuted in March 2007, and in November of 2006, Josh placed sixth in the Sierra Mist/MySpace Stand-up or Sit Down Challenge out of over 2,000 entrants.

When Sneed isn't busy winning comedy competitions, he's recording his podcast, The Detention Show, with his friend and co-host Mark Chalifoux. Josh describes the podcast as "a show about comedy, pop culture, and your mom." He has had many guests on this show including Jimmy Pardo, Doug Benson, and Eddie Gossling.

Joining Sneed on Saturday for the CAB show will be Rob Paravonian, comedian and musician best known for his "Pachelbel Rant" on YouTube, which has over 10 million views. This skit consists of Rob's distaste for Pachelbel's Canon in D major, more specifically the cellist's part that consists of eight-quarter notes played repeatedly.

The success of this video led to Rob becoming the opening act for George Carlin for several dates on his final "It's Bad For Ya" tour in 2007-2008. After college, he studied improvisation and ensemble work at the legendary Second City Training Center, while playing gigs and recording with his critically acclaimed band The Steppingstones. Rob became a regular at the Improv as he pursued stand up and began going on the road, playing the Midwest clubs and headlining colleges from coast to coast. Rob has opened for George Carlin and Lily Tomlin and has appeared on Comedy Central and VH1.

To access videos of both Sneed and Paravonian, please go to www.youtube.com/user/paravonian?feature=CAkQwRs%3D



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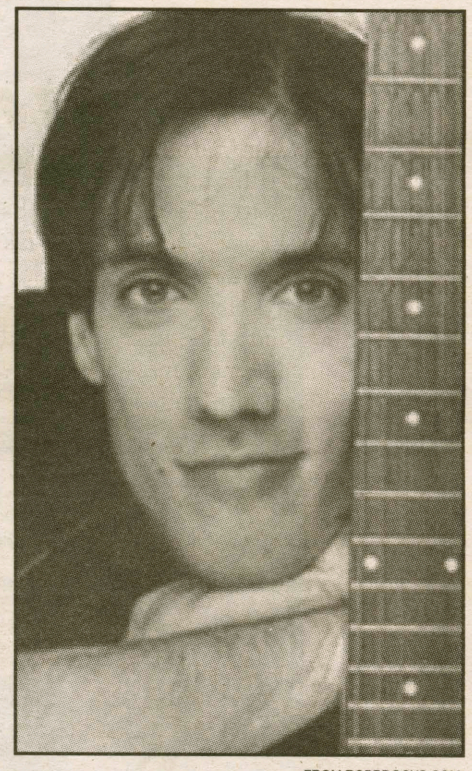
Josh Sneed camed in second place in Comedy Central's Top Twenty Comedians of 2008, which earned him a record deal.



FROM ROBPROCKS.COM

Rob Parvonian integrates comedy and music on stage.

A&E weekly schedule

90's Karaoke Night

Sunday, Sept. 30

7 p.m.

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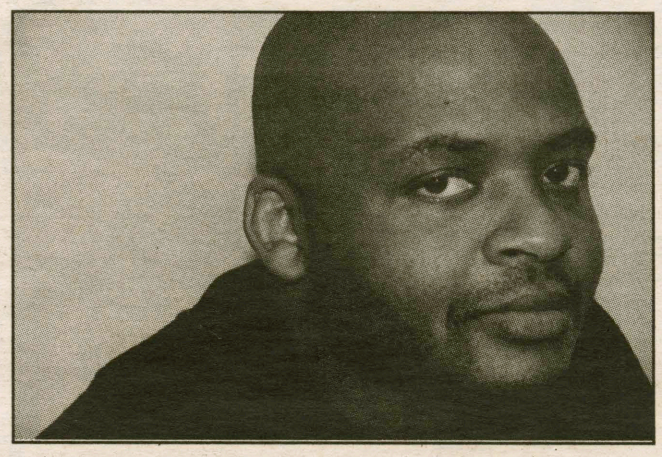
Hosted By BLSU

Public Lecture on Race:
Kiese Laymon



Vassar College Professor of English

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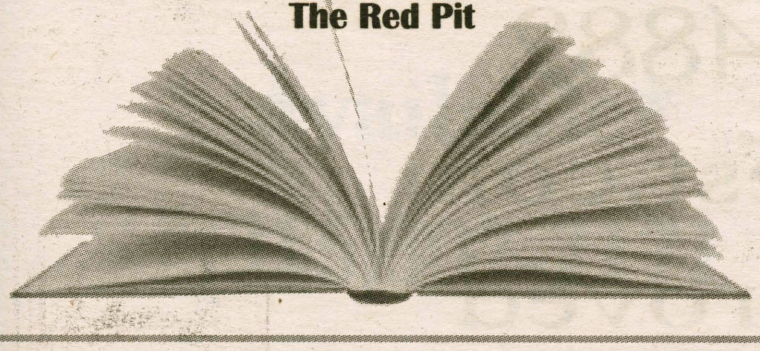
Events Barn

Storytelling
Performance and Workshop

Forbidden Stories: Journey Among the Kurds of Turkey

Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m.
The Red Pit



Hamiltones Invitational

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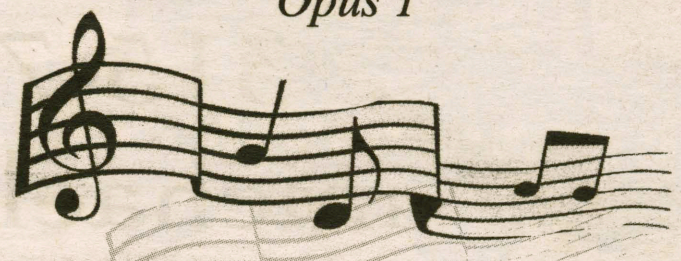

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St. Lawrence Invitational (Sept. 9): 7th Place
Duke Nelson Invitational (Sept. 15): 9th Place
Williams Fall Invitational (Sept. 22): 8th Place
Williams Fall Invitational (Sept. 23): 7th Place
NESCAC Championship Qualifier, Sept. 29

MEN'S SOCCER
Overall Record: 1-4-1
NESCAC Record: 0-4-1
Next Game: vs. Bates, Sept. 29

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Overall Record: 5-1-0
NESCAC Record: 3-1-0
Next Game: vs. Bates, Sept. 29

WOMEN'S GOLF
NYU Invitational (Sept. 15): 10th Place
NYU Invitational (Sept. 16): 12th Place
Mt. Holyoke Invitational (Sept. 22): 13th Place
Middlebury College Invitational, Sept. 29

FOOTBALL
Overall Record: 0-1-0
NESCAC Record: 0-1-0
Next Game: @ Wesleyan, Sept. 29

FIELD HOCKEY
Overall Record: 0-6-0
NESCAC Record: 0-4-0
Next Game: vs. Bates, Sept. 29

MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY
Hamilton Short Course Invitational (Sept. 8): 2nd Place
Williams' Purple Valley Classic (Sept. 22): 13th Place
Next Race: Hamilton College Invitational, Oct. 6

VOLLEYBALL
Overall Record: 6-6-0
NESCAC Record: 1-1-0
Next Game: vs. Trinity, Sept. 28

WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY
Hamilton Short Course Invitational (Sept. 8): 2nd Place
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Next Race: Hamilton College Invitational, Oct. 6

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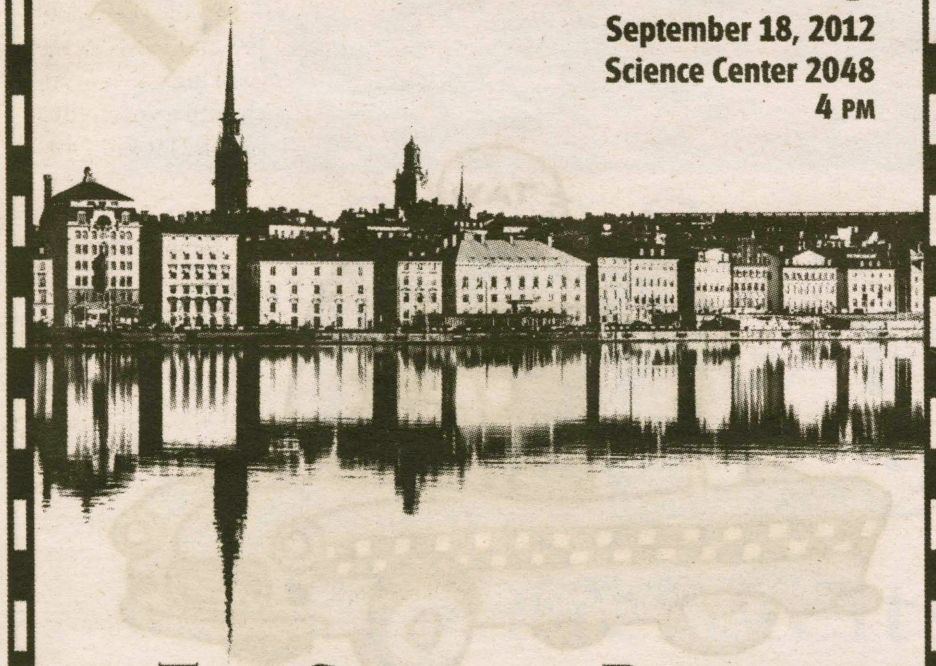

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Despite new coaching staff, football fails to bring home season opener versus Amherst

by Sterling Xie '16
Sports Contributor

Following in their hometown Bills footsteps, Hamilton started off the football season in similar stride, a goose egg in the win column. Amherst College piled up 376 rushing yards to defeat Hamilton in both teams' football season openers with a final score of 38-14.

New quarterback Jeff Hopsicker '15 completed 12-of-25 passes for 116 yards and a touchdown in his first collegiate start. James Stanell '14 proved himself as a remarkable addition to the team play with a 94-yard kick-off touchdown return. He also contributed 31 rushing yards on 16 carries.

Joe Jensen '15, who had four receptions for 51 yards, including a touchdown, led Hamilton's receivers.

On the defensive side, Jared Kochenash '13 led the field with 12 tackles, while captain Mike MacDonald '13 and Andrew Austin '14 trailed closely behind with 11 tackles each.

Heading into Saturday's game, Hamilton had the daunting task of facing Amherst, a leading NESCAC team this season. Following an opening drive punt by the Continentals, Amherst wasted no time establishing an offensive rhythm, converting a good field position into a 5-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Max Lippe.

Although the team knew that playing Amherst would be a fight to the end, Captain McDonald said that "going into the game on Saturday, ...we were excited by the challenge of playing them."

> **"We knew that Amherst was a good team going into the game on Saturday, and we were excited by the challenge of playing them."**
> *—Mike MacDonald '13*

Hamilton answered Amherst's initial touchdown on the ensuing kickoff when Stanell ran the ball back 94 yards along the right sideline for an electrifying touchdown, handing momentum back to the Continentals.

Stanell's return was part of a solid first half, which ended with the Continentals in a closely contested 21-14 game.

Unfortunately in the second half, Hamilton never found a solution to Amherst's proficient rushing attack and the Lord Jeffs broke away in the 3rd quarter. The 3rd quarter's large discrepancy in time of possession (10:48-4:12) wore down the Conts' defense, resulting in long touchdown runs of 29 yards by Amherst's Steven Jellison and 56 yards by Tyler Jacobs.

This was a definite change from the first half, in which the Continentals held the ball for a longer duration of time (15:22-14:38). Most frustrating was Hamilton's inability to convert on plays that may have affected the outcome of the game.

The third down conversion rate typified the game's flow, as Amherst was exceptional (10 for 16, 63%) while Hamilton was mediocre (4 for 15, 27%).

Whenever Hamilton gained slight momentum, Amherst reasserted itself and successfully executed the majority of crucial plays. Although it was a tough game, quarterback Hopsicker noted that, "we did make some mistakes, but we did a lot things well and we're excited to get out there and win this week."

The Continentals will attempt to even their record when they hit the road once again on Saturday, Sept. 29 to face Wesleyan University. Wesleyan's fottball team defeated Tufts 35-14 in their season opener.

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James Stanell '14 made a 94-yard kick-off touchdown return in Saturday's game against Amherst.

Women's golf begins its inaugural season

by Kaitlin McCabe '16
Sports Contributor

With the formation of a new team comes a combination of high expectations and new opportunities. This season, Hamilton College added a women's golf team to the varsity athletics program, making it the 29th sport in total.

On Saturday, Sept. 22 and Sunday, Sept. 23, the Hamilton women's golf team had the opportunity to play at "the Orchards", the 2004 LPGA US OPEN golf course at Mount Holyoke College.

The tournament proved to be a challenge for the Hamilton teammates. However, after a shaky start on Saturday, the women improved their scores considerably on Sunday.

"We came into the second day in last place by 10 strokes, but managed to shave 28 strokes off our team score for 13th place," said Anne Govern '15. "I think that says a lot about the mentality of our team, that we won't give up and that we can come back after a difficult day on a tough course and have every single player shoot a better round than the day before."

> **"As a team, we are enjoying both the golf and the team camaraderie while representing Hamilton College."**
> *—Gillian Dudeck '13*

By the end of the tournament, the Hamilton women's golf team had a combined score of 782. Govern finished with scores of 90 and 87 and a total score of 177, and Gillian Dudeck '13 received scores of 95 and 88, finishing with a total score of 183.

Dudeck said, "We are continuously looking to improve our game. As a team, we are enjoying both the golf and the team camaraderie while representing Hamilton College."

Liz Morris '16 played with scores of 133 and 116 to finish with a total of 203. Additionally, Jillian Hallak '13 and Katie Steates '15 competed with scores of 116 and 103 and 133 and 116, allowing them to finish with respective totals of 219 and 249.

Overall, the team considers the Mount Holyoke tournament to be a learning experience.

Govern commented, "The tournament was good experience for a new team, and we hope to come out even stronger because of it in our next tournaments."

On Saturday, Sept. 29 and Sunday, Sept. 30, Hamilton's women's golf team will have an opportunity to demonstrate their current abilities and to improve on their skill set at the Middlebury College Invitational.

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Hamilton's new women's golf team has already shown great potential.

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Women's tennis travels to ITA Championships: Arenson, Khanna and Schoning compete in singles

by Patrick English '15
Sports Contributor

Last weekend, the women's tennis team sent three players to the ITA Northeast Regional Championships at William Smith College. Sixty-four of the best college tennis players from about twenty schools in New York, New Jersey, Vermont and Pennsylvania entered the tournament along with 32 doubles teams.

Hamilton sent Alex Arenson '13, Mira Khanna '15 and Bella Schoning '16 to the singles tournament. Arenson and Khanna were originally scheduled to play doubles, but after Arenson hurt her back, Schoning took her spot on the doubles team. Each match was shortened to single eight game sets due to weather and time constraints.

Arenson got off to a great start, winning her first match 8-0 over Katelyn Richenburg of Bridegport University, but ran into back problems in her second match against Mariella Tzakis from New York University. Arenson finished the match, but came up on the losing end of an 8-1 score. "Overall, I was happy with my first round match, but disappointed that I hurt my back," said Arenson. "It's been a nagging injury I've had for the last few years and I hope to recover in time for our next match on Wednesday."

Khanna lost her first match 8-2 against Haley Wolf of William Smith, but battled back to defeat Mackenzie Riley of Sage University by a score of 8-5 in a consolation round. "I was pretty satisfied with how I played, and how the three of us played as a whole," said Khanna. "The competition is tough with the top players from each school, but I think we proved we were up to the challenge."

Schoning played two close matches that went into extra games. Shena Joseph of Hunter College narrowly defeated her by a score of 9-7 in her first match, and Schoning came up on the winning side of a 9-8 match against Rachel Suresky of the University of Rochester.

Despite the adjustment that came with the last-minute change after Arenson's injury, Khanna and Schoning were able to salvage two games from Jasmine Muniz-Cadorette and Deborah Wu of the College of New Jersey, losing 8-2 in their only match.

Next up for the women's tennis team is a dual match at Union College on Thursday, October 4th. They expect good results as the season goes on, as Khanna explained. "We're only going to get better as we gain more experience in games and with our doubles partners." Arenson agreed with her, saying, "We've improved a lot these last few weeks and have high expectations for the rest of the fall season."

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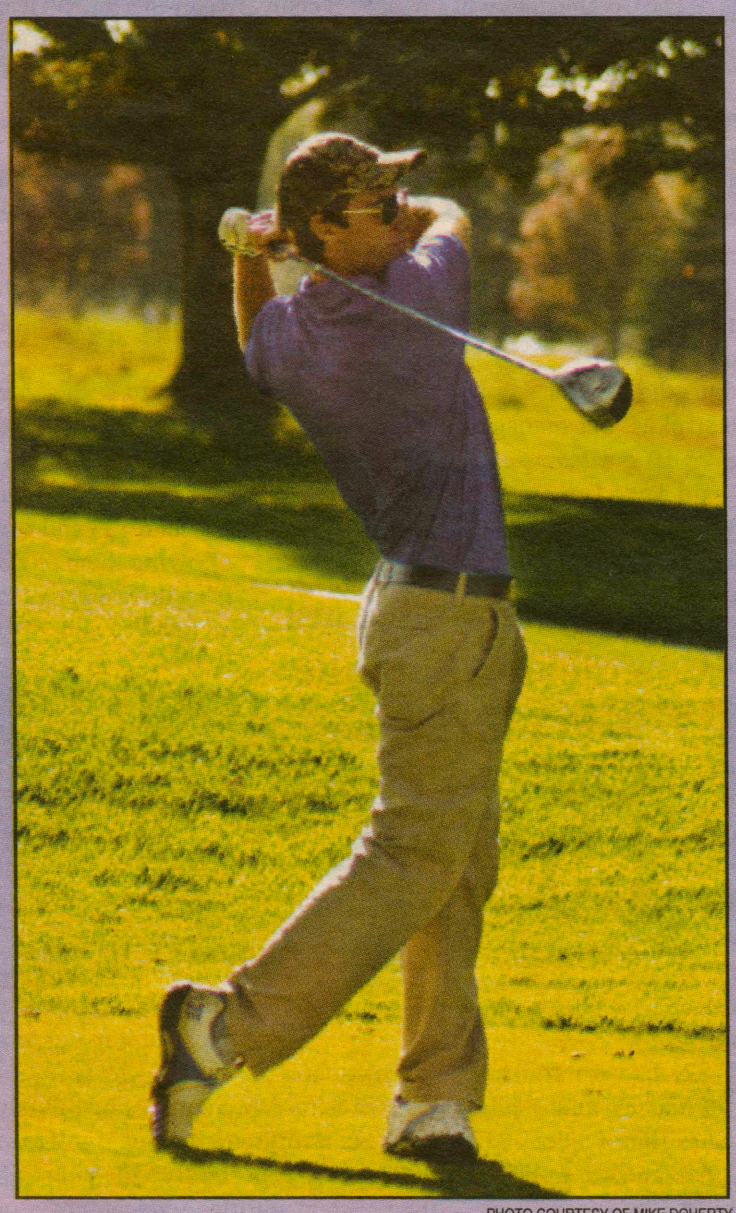
Alex Arenson '13 injured her back during the tournament



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Greg Scott '14 finished third out of a field of 84 golfers.

Conts place seventh at Taconic

by Kaitlin McCabe '16
Sports Contributor

When faced with severe winds, low temperatures and a difficult course, even the most experienced golfer's skill and mental strength are put to the test. Despite the grueling weather conditions, Hamilton's men's golf team competed this past weekend at Williams College with great success, finishing seventh out of the 20 teams competing and 4th out of the participating NESCAC schools.

The Taconic golf course could potentially have been a challenge for the team, since its fast and sloping greens require golfers to perfect their ball placement and short game skills. Despite this, Coach Steve Stetson says that the teammates "played well tactically," especially in such conflicting weather. Notably, on Sunday, Sept. 23rd, when the cold and wind drastically worsened from the day before, the Hamilton team moved up several spots to the top half of the competition, passing many skilled golf teams. "We are improving from week to week in many small ways. We seem to be peaking at the right time," Coach Stetson says.

Overall, the entire team effectively demonstrated their skills and played very well. Greg Scott '14 competed with scores of 74/76. A "talented, consistent, [and] smart golfer" according to his coach, Scott finished in third place, having just missed good birdie chances on his last two holes on Sunday. Close behind him was Matt Yung '16, who received two 78's and finished 12th out of the 84 competing golfers. Stetson comments that the team is very impressed with the first-year consistency, saying, "The guys think he looks like a young Greg Scott out on the course... Greg was an All-American, so that sounds like quite a statement." Mac Pivirotto '15 shot two 81's, an impressive score for a golfer who had a back injury that kept him from competing earlier this season. Additionally, teammates Knute Gailor '13 and Chris Bousquet '16 played well and received respectable scores.

> **"Taconic is always a hard test and I think the first-years managed it extremely well."**
> *—Greg Scott '14*

Pleased with the team's performance, Scott said everyone, "managed to put together a pretty good team score despite the cold. Taconic is always a hard test and I think the freshmen managed it extremely well... Hopefully we have gained a little momentum going into NESCACs this week!"

In order to be eligible for next spring's league tournament, Hamilton must finish in the top four in the NESCAC Champtionship Qualifying Tournament this weekend at Amherst.